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## Briefly

### Noble Eagle

From behind the scenes, Holloman Airmen help guard the skies over U.S. cities at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

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Two active-duty Airmen lead the Holloman-heavy cast of performers in the upcoming Alamogordo Music Theater production, "A Year With Frog and Toad."

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Holloman held the National Prayer Breakfast March 9 at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

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*Air and Space  
Expeditionary Force  
Tempo*

**As of March 1,  
344 Airmen were  
deployed to  
15 countries  
around the  
world**

## New commander announced

### General Cichowski picked up for MG, headed to Baghdad

by retired Spc. James Matise  
*Sunburst staff writer*

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, has been given a new general staff appointment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Air Combat Command announced Wednesday.

General Cichowski, who has been nominated for major general, has been appointed to be the deputy chief of staff for strategy, plans and assessment for Multi-National Force - Iraq in Baghdad.

According to the 49th FW headquarters staff, plans for General Cichowski's new assignment have not been finalized and it is not certain when he will be departing.

The incoming commander for the 49th Fighter Wing is Col. David L. Goldfein.

Colonel Goldfein, selected for brigadier general last November, is currently the commander of the 52nd Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

He is currently responsible for the wing's F-16 and A-10 aircraft, and TPS-75 radar systems in support of NATO and the national command authorities. The wing supports the Supreme Allied Commander - Europe

with mission-ready personnel and systems providing expeditionary air power for suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support, air interdiction, counter-air, air strike control, strategic attack, theater airspace control and combat search and rescue.

Colonel Goldfein received his commission in June 1983 upon graduating from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Philosophy. Before arriving at Spangdahlem, he was the commander of the 366th Operations Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. He also served as commander, 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Colonel Goldfein is a command pilot with more than 3,700 hours in the T-37, T-38 and F-16C/D. During Operation Allied Force, the 1999 NATO-led combat operations in Kosovo, he flew 34 missions in the F-16 from Aviano.

His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air



Air Force photo

**Col. David L. Goldfein, commander of the 52nd Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, has been selected to become the next commander of the 49th Fighter Wing.**

Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and Air Force Achievement Medal.

He is also the author of *Sharing Success, Owning Failure*, a book on command, selected for distribution Air Force-wide as squadron commander school core reading.

A farewell dinner for General Cichowski and his wife is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 7 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. The cost is \$13.95 for club members and \$15.95 for non-members. Anyone interested in attending should contact their unit first sergeants for tickets by March 28.

**572-RIDE**

*Save a wingman's life. Volunteer. That's the bottom line.*

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving**



# St. Patrick’s Day – celebrating the man

by Maj. Ronald Huzzard  
*49th Mission Support Squadron*

Today, 34 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry and millions more without an Irish bone in their body will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. The festivities will include parades, displays of shamrocks in all sizes, the wearing of the green attire and meals of corned beef and cabbage – all washed down with significant quantities of beer and other beverages.

However, for many, knowledge of St. Patrick’s Day may be limited. That being the case, I did a bit of research and thought I would pass along my findings. Call it a St. Patrick’s Day Primer, if you will.

Despite his celebrity, the facts known of St. Patrick’s life are surprisingly few. However, it is now commonly believed that the man who would become St. Patrick was born in 4th century Britain. At the age of 16, Irish raiders attacked his family’s estate and took him captive. His captors transported Patrick to Ireland where he remained for six years until he had a dream in which God spoke to him and told him to leave Ireland. To do so, he fled from his captors and walked 200 miles to the Irish coast. Once there, he eventually secured transport back to Britain where he again had a dream of religious significance in which an angel told Patrick he was to return to Ireland as a missionary. So Patrick embarked on a journey of religious training that lasted 15 years, taking him throughout Britain and modern day France.

Finally, after being ordained as a priest, Patrick was sent to Ireland to preach to Christians there and convert as many Pa-

gans as possible. Because he understood the Irish language and culture, Patrick incorporated familiar Irish rituals and symbols into his preaching of Christianity. For example, he is credited with superimposing a sun on the traditional cross to create what has come to be known as the Celtic cross. Patrick did this because the sun had tremendous status in Irish lore and its inclusion on the cross created a symbol the Irish were comfortable worshipping. In total, Patrick traveled Ireland for 30 years before settling in County Down. During his travels, he established numerous monasteries, churches and schools to assist in the education and conversion of the Irish populace. Not surprisingly, because this endeared him to so many, the date of his passing, March 17, has been observed as St. Patrick’s Day ever since.

A symbol central to St. Patrick’s Day is that of the shamrock or three-leaf clover. Many believe the connection between the shamrock and St. Patrick goes all the way back to his sermons. It is said that St. Patrick used the shamrock in explaining the Holy Trinity to those he sought to convert. More specifically, how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit existed as separate components of the same entity; just like leafs on the shamrock, connected by their common stem.

The secular phenomenon, which is now known as St. Patrick’s Day, has always been more American than Irish. In fact, the first-ever St. Patrick’s Day parade took place in New York City on March 17, 1762. Irish soldiers serving in the British army marched through the streets to celebrate their heritage and

strengthen the bond between their fellow Irishmen. The event was a success and as the number of Irish-Americans increased over the years, the parades became more and more a demonstration of Irish strength. Because people of Irish decent were becoming so numerous, the parades soon evolved into a political event, with aspiring candidates for offices in attendance. This was never more evident than in 1948 when President Harry Truman attended New York City’s St. Patrick’s Day parade.

In Ireland, March 17th has been observed as a religious holiday for thousands of years; up until the 1970s, Irish laws even mandated the closing of all pubs on the holiday. Curiously, the celebrations associated with St. Patrick’s Day were, until recently, very somber in nature. In fact, for years, the wildest thing about the holiday was the suspension of Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat, so the populace could partake of the traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. However, that changed in 1995 when the Irish government began a campaign to reclaim St. Patrick’s Day and use it as an engine to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. This endeavor has proven so successful that the holiday has been renamed the St. Patrick’s Festival and expanded to five days. In 2005 more than 1 million people turned out for the festival’s events in Dublin.

This year, the Irish will celebrate St. Patrick’s Festival from March 15th to the 19th. (Information courtesy of [www.historychannel.com](http://www.historychannel.com)).

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI **22**  
DUIs this year **4**  
This week last year **7**

### Last six DUIs

- 49th MMS Feb. 23
- 49th AMXS Feb. 19
- 49th MDOS Feb. 17
- 49th FW Jan. 31
- 49th CS Dec. 30
- 49th OSS Dec. 29

### 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved  
**87** Saves this year  
**16** Saves this week

# Joint reconstruction teams activated in Afghanistan

by 2nd Lt. Melissa Stevens  
*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – More than 1,000 Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors joined ranks to activate Afghanistan Provincial Reconstruction Teams in a ceremony here March 3.

The purpose of the teams is to help rebuild Afghanistan, ensuring a secure and self-sufficient nation. The teams have a three-part mission: stabilize the economy, promote security of the nation and legitimize the central Afghan government.

Twelve teams, each consisting of about 80 members, are currently training here before heading to Afghanistan in April to relieve Army teams. Six teams are led by the Air Force, six by the Navy and each team

consists of a main body of Sailors or Airmen, an Army civil affairs team and an Army security platoon.

Army Col. David Boslego, the commander of the 4th Brigade, 78th Training Division, who trains teams said this group is unique in that previous teams were formed in theater and most team members were on different rotation cycles, so the development of a cohesive team focused on one goal was tough.

He said this set of teams has been formed here first, will train together as a team and will then depart together for Afghanistan in order to build and maintain cohesion from day one.

“Cohesion is a major goal of this training program,” Colonel Boslego said. “It’s going to allow the PRTs to operate in a more synchronized

manner. Everyone will know and be working towards the same objective from the start.”

Air Force Lt. Col. David Naisbitt, the Jalalabad Provincial Reconstruction Team commander, said he felt this was an outstanding opportunity for the Air Force to participate in a joint environment.

“The development of these teams shows that the U.S. military has a unified commitment to the reconstruction of the government of Afghanistan,” he said. “It shows that we can come together as one unit to help rebuild that nation.”

Navy Cmdr. James Hamblet, the Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team commander, agreed and said he viewed this as an additional way in which the Navy is doing their part.

“We’ve been actively involved since day one,” Commander Hamblet said. “This is just another way the Navy is contributing to the war on terror.”

The commanders said the joint training environment created its own challenges, but servicemembers were handling it quite well.

“We’re all coming together and binding as a team,” Colonel Naisbitt said. “We’re operating together with a single focus – a focus that most didn’t understand before coming here, but were still eager and motivated to support. They’re jumping into the training, keeping their spirits up and really getting into the mission.”

“The Airmen are adapting well,” Colonel Naisbitt said. “This isn’t like any Air Force training we’ve ever

had. It’s still early in our training, but we all understand the importance of what we’re doing here.”

Colonel Boslego said the Air Force and Navy both sent talented people to be members of these teams.

“It’s very exciting to work in this type of joint environment,” he said. “I think in the next six weeks, given the talent we have here, we will be able to achieve the level of skill needed so these teams will be able to successfully operate upon arrival in Afghanistan.”

The Army Civil Affairs teams have been training for this mission since October, while Airmen and Sailors began arriving in early January and February. The teams will continue to train together until the groups depart in April.

## Holloman Hotline

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail [cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil](mailto:cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil).

Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

**572-7500**

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Medical clinic .....2-5991  
Finance .....2-5107  
Services .....2-3528  
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Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski




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MONDAY



# HAFB Airmen support Operation Noble Eagle

By 1st Lt. Shantece Wade  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Much like his counterparts overseas, Master Sgt. Andre Grant found himself in deep sand and sweltering heat upon deploying in support of Operation Noble Eagle (ONE).

A communications technician from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., Sergeant Grant deployed here to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., to maintain the system administration portion of the ONE communications-computer mission.

Sergeant Grant is one of several thousand Airmen who deploy each year from their home bases in support of ONE, an ongoing mission to protect the continental United States from further terrorist aggression originating from inside and outside of U.S. borders.

Tyndall Air Force Base is the headquarters for the Continental North American Aerospace Defense Command Region (CONR) and First Air Force. A component of the NORAD, CONR provides airspace surveillance and control and directs air sovereignty activities for the continental United States. Since Sept. 11, 2001, CONR has been the lead agency for ONE.

“As the system administrator, I provide the same user support for the ONE personnel as I would for an overseas area of responsibility, which focuses mainly on the same problems and upgrades required on



Photo by 1st Lt. Shantece Wade

the user’s computer system,” Grant said. “Communication helps keep the ONE mission healthy.”

Of course, being deployed stateside has some advantages.

“The obvious positive is being in the good ‘ole USA,” Grant said. “But the most beneficial experience for me has been working with our professional Air National Guard members and seeing how they do business. I may not have had the opportunity overseas.”

Senior Airman Charles Clerc, also deployed from Holloman AFB, provides vital computer system support for ONE by reporting and tracking outages and problems. In short, whenever there’s a problem with communication devices, he resolves it.

“Being the first line of defense for the United States and [providing for] its protection is of huge importance,” said Clerc. “Experi-

encing the ‘behind the scenes’ defense of the United States and what actually goes on to protect the U.S. is something that I will remember for the rest of my life.”

He too appreciates the benefits of a stateside deployment.

“Being deployed in the continental U.S. makes life less stressful ... I’m able to make sure all my bills get paid and communicate easily with my unit back at Holloman without any major problems,” he said.

Although convenient, both Sergeant Grant and Airman Clerc agree that an ONE deployment is no vacation.

“Whether deployed stateside or overseas, never let down your guard,” he said. “We have a mission that is just as important as anywhere else, and it requires our utmost expertise and dedication.”

## Medical officials offer safety tips

by 2nd Lt. Vanessa Johnson  
49th Medical Operations Squadron

Since the 1993 discovery of hantavirus in the Four Corners area, it has caused 66 cases and 27 deaths in New Mexico.

Rodents, especially deer mice, become infected with the virus but do not become sick.

The virus’s then shed in their urine, droppings and saliva. Infection in at least some of these 66 cases is believed to have come from individuals breathing in the virus, which became aerosolized when they were cleaning a barn or shed.

People with this infection initially have flu-like symptoms including fever, body aches, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and a dry cough.

However, as the disease progresses, symptoms include shortness of breath and difficulty in breathing. This can lead to respiratory failure (an inability to breathe) which can occur within as little as four days of first symptoms. About half of the patients who get hantavirus die from respiratory failure.

There is no medical treatment to prevent or cure the disease; supportive care in a hospital is currently the only known beneficial measure. You can decrease your risk of exposure to hantavirus by avoiding contact with rodents and their droppings.

The following precautions are adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines:

**1. Reduce potential habitats and food sources near your home**

- Keep woodpiles, hay and garbage cans off the ground (by using pallets, for example) and at least 100 feet from house
- Cut tall grass and brush within 100 feet of the house
- Haul away junk cars, old tires, etc.

**2. Make your home less attractive for rodents**

- Store food, garbage and pet food in containers with tight lids; put pet food away at night

- Wash dishes and clean counters and floors of any food debris

**3. Prevent mice from entering your home**

- Seal any openings to your home larger than 1/4 inch using metal screen, steel wool or cement
- Clear brush/grass from around foundation

• Consider using metal roof flashing as a rodent barrier around the base of wooden dwellings (height of 12 inches and buried 6 inches in the soil)

**4. Trap and dispose of rodents, clean and disinfect premises**

- Air out buildings by opening doors and windows for at least 30 minutes
- Put on rubber, latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves
- Do not stir up dust by vacuuming, sweeping or any other means

• Thoroughly wet contaminated areas with a bleach solution or household disinfectant. **Hypochlorite (bleach) solution:** Mix 1 and ½ cups of household bleach in 1 gallon of water

- Once everything is wet, take up contaminated materials with damp towel and then mop or sponge the area with bleach solution or household disinfectant

• Spray dead rodents with disinfectant and then double-bag along with all cleaning materials; bury, burn, or throw out rodent in appropriate waste disposal system

- Disinfect gloves with disinfectant or soap and water before taking them off

• After taking off the clean gloves, thoroughly wash hands with soap and water (or use a waterless alcohol-based hand rub when soap is not available)

**5. Campers should consider the following precautions:**

- Avoid contact with rodents, their nests and burrows as much as possible and avoid cabins that are rodent infested
- If possible, avoid sleeping on bare ground – use a floored tent or camp cots and ground cloth
- Keep food in rodent-proof containers and do not drink untreated surface water

**Sexual Assault Response Coordinator**

**572-6789**

*24-7 response to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.*

*Briefings held the first Wednesday of each month at the base theater.*



# Holloman actors to shine on stage at the Flick

## ‘A Year With Frog and Toad,’ from Lobel’s children’s books, premieres March 24

by retired Spc. James Matise  
Sunburst staff writer

A cast of actors brought together by Holloman is to take to the stage next week in the Alamogordo Music Theater production of “A Year With Frog and Toad.”

The musical, which premieres March 24 at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, is a theatrical adaptation of the Newbery and Caldecott award-winning children’s books about Frog and Toad written by Mr. Arnold Lobel.

The musical follows a year in the life of best friends Frog and Toad, from when they wake up in the spring to when they bed down again for the winter.

Charming Frog and “worry-wart” Toad come to life through witty dialogue and musical renditions of Lobel’s stories, along with Snail, Mouse, Turtle and the rest of the animal gang, for some kite-flying, sled-racing and cookie-munching.

“A Year With Frog and Toad” premiered in 2002 with the Children’s Theatre Company of Minneapolis, Minn. That same year the play saw its Broadway debut at the New Victory Theater in Times Square.

It was in New York that Mr. Loren Jackson, AMT director, first saw the musical, and it instantly captured his attention.

“There were about a zillion kids in the theater, and it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop,” Mr. Jackson said. “They were just mesmerized. That was one of the reasons I wanted to bring it to Alamogordo. I could see how enchanted the kids were.”

The musical also is full of fun songs and sophisticated humor that would enable audiences of any age to enjoy the show, he said.



photo by retired Spc. James Matise

**From left: Toad, played by Tech. Sgt. Mark Highsmith 49th MDOS, and Frog, played by Senior Airman David Wagstaff, 49th MXS, rehearse their performance during a practice for “A Year With Frog and Toad” Tuesday at Grace United Methodist Church in Alamogordo.**

“It’s certainly a show that’s aimed at children, but it’s really nothing childish,” he said. “This is a show that got three Tony nominations. Anybody in the family could enjoy the show. There’s something for everyone.”

The production of this musical has an extraordinarily strong tie to Holloman, including all five members of the cast and members of the production team. Frog is played by Senior Airman David Wagstaff, 49th Maintenance Squadron, and Toad is played by Tech. Sgt. Mark Highsmith, 49th Medical Operations Squadron.

The three cast members of the chorus also have ties to Holloman. Mr. Ken Weir, who also plays Snail, retired from the Air Force in January. Ms. Amanda Laurie, who also plays Mouse, is married to Capt. Eric Blood, 46th Test Group. Ms. Ronnie Arn, who also

plays Turtle, came to Alamogordo when her father was stationed at Holloman.

Chief Master Sgt. Marjorie McNichols, 49th Materiel Maintenance Group superintendent, is the musical’s assistant director and costume designer, and her husband, Mr. Tim McNichols, is the set designer.

“There’s definitely a strong Holloman connection,” Mr. Jackson said. “We’re always glad ... because there’s a lot of talent out there. It helps them enjoy their tour and it helps us as well, as we get the benefit of their talent.”

“A Year With Frog and Toad” premieres at 7 p.m. March 24 at the Flickinger Center. Additional show times are 7 p.m. March 25, 31 and April 1, and 2 p.m. March 26 and April 2. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call 437-2202 or visit [www.flickingercenter.org](http://www.flickingercenter.org).

## MEET THE CAST



Photos by retired Spc. James Matise

**Toad:** Tech. Sgt. Mark Highsmith, 49th MDOS pediatrics NCO in charge, performed opera in college and also acted in plays and skits for school and church, but playing a lead role in a musical is a first for him.

“It’s the first time I’ve done anything like this,” he said. “It sounded like a great deal of fun.”



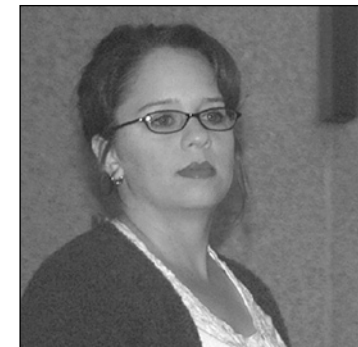
**Frog:** Senior Airman David Wagstaff, 49th MXS avionics apprentice, has performed most his life. His recent performances in Alamogordo include “Oklahoma!” and “The Fantastics.”

“Frog is a very knowledgeable character, but he’s a lot of fun, too,” he said. “He helps Toad figure out problems and at the same time has fun with him.”



**Snail and chorus:** Mr. Ken Weir retired in 2005 as a technical sergeant and was a medical administrator for health care management on Holloman. He started on stage when he was four as a member of a traveling singing group.

“I am so at home on stage,” he said. “I love singing. That’s what really drew me [to Frog and Toad].”



**Turtle and chorus:** Ms. Ronnie Arn, a true “military brat,” was born at Fort Bragg, N.C., and came to Alamogordo when her father was stationed here. A 1998 Alamogordo High School graduate, she has been acting for 10 years.

Hands-down, the most enjoyable part of performing is “the people I work with,” she said.



**Mouse and chorus:** Ms. Amanda Laurie, a native of Canada, loves performing in music theater and also performed in Utah when her husband, Capt. Eric Blood, 46th Test Group, was stationed there.

“I like that my children can come to this,” she said. “They haven’t seen me on stage yet.”

NEWS

# Commissaries take steps to stop fraud

by Rick Brink  
*Defense Commissary Agency*

FORT LEE, Va. – Be careful how you get your Internet coupons, say Defense Commissary Agency officials.

They are alerting customers about a recent rise in the use of fraudulent Internet or home-printed coupons and steps the agency has taken to address the issue.

“Counterfeit coupons are circulating on the Internet through auction services, message boards, e-mails and other means causing millions of dollars in losses to the grocery industry,” said Scott Simpson, DeCA’s chief operating officer.

Commissaries gladly accept Internet or home-printed coupons provided they meet these requirements: the coupons must have “dot-scan” bars below expiration dates or bar codes with Product Identification Numbers, or PINs, and they can’t be for free products. Legitimate Internet coupons are featuring new dot-scan bars below their expiration dates. The dot-scan bars look like bar codes with broken bar patterns.

This is an expansion of acceptance criteria for home-printed coupons because counterfeit

coupons have shown up recently in commissaries and other supermarkets nationwide. Officials are pointing to Internet trading as the source of the counterfeit coupons.

Fraudulent coupons presented recently at commissaries were for products ranging from laundry detergents and deli meats to sodas and over-the-counter medications. Defining more stringent requirements for stores to accept home-printed coupons is one phase of action the agency is taking to combat the problem. Educating customers about how to avoid getting taken by counterfeit coupons is the other phase, and it’s been described as the best line of defense against possible fraud, Mr. Simpson said.

People who purchase or trade coupons are inherently at risk of receiving counterfeit coupons, therefore customers shouldn’t buy or trade for coupons. The sale or transfer of coupons is a violation of virtually all manufacturers’ coupon redemption policies, according to the Coupon Information Center – a coupon industry watchdog. These policies are printed on the coupons.

Customers can be assured they are not obtaining counterfeits if

they get their coupons directly from newspapers or magazines, directly from a manufacturer or from some other legitimate coupon channel including Internet sites.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers can save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

Here are two tips to avoid possible counterfeit coupons:

- Look for the dot-scan bar below the expiration date on Internet coupons. If they don’t have a dot-scan bar, look for a PIN and bar code. Many now have both a dot-scan bar along with a PIN and bar code.
- Look out for coupons printed on photocopy, plain white, photographic or card stock and coupons with fuzzy images or misspelled words. – (DECA)

## Holloman Salutes



Congratulations to Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski for being selected for promotion to major general.

Congratulations to Mr. Steven Lavallee, System Administrator, and Ms. Linda Hardin, Library Technician for being recognized as star performers at the library.

Congratulations to the following Air Combat Command Public Affairs Achievement Award winners:

49th FW/PA  
**2nd place: small wing**

Capt. Vince King, 49th FW/PA deputy  
**3rd place: Outstanding PA company grade officer**

Ms. Elizabeth Upton, community relations chief  
**2nd place: Outstanding intermediate grade civilian**

Mr. Tommy Fuller, media relations chief  
**1st place: Outstanding entry level civilian**

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th FW commander  
**1st Place: commander support**



# Woman of Merit

I  
nominate ...  
Ms. Leslie  
Joseph



Merit is not found in possessions, power, position or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service and character. A true depiction of these words is Ms. Leslie Joseph, nominee for the “Women of Merit” award.

Leslie’s incredible range, talent, poise, humor, courage, versatility and commitment have made and continue to make an indelible mark on our community.

Leslie is no stranger to self-sacrifice when it comes to community excellence.

Since her appointment as Sexual Assault Response Coordinator she has taken on the dubious task of instituting a profound sexual response program from the ground up. Leslie’s benchmark initiatives set the tone for all SARCs in the Air Force to follow.

Since her appointment to this Department of Defense-directed program, she has trained 98 percent of Holloman’s personnel in less than 90 days, which places her training quota, well ahead of the power curve in regards to the Air Force standard of training for this program.

Leslie has also coordinated Dorm Awareness Briefings for 311 Airmen, emphasizing personal safety, sexual assault prevention and the overall Wingman concept.

Her coordination skills have proven affective in the training of 385 Airmen domestic violence, responsible drinking

practices and a spirituality program for 862 Airmen.

In her tireless efforts to ensure the safest environment for both military and civilian alike within our community, Leslie has provided “top off” training regarding SARC to deploying personnel prior to departure in support of AEF taskings.

As a National Appointee of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at the Washington D.C. level, Leslie has set her sights locally as an avid mentor to 13 Zeta Phi Beta sorority members attending New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Her eloquent mentoring touch has provided guidance in the way of professional etiquette, career planning and the importance of giving back to the community for future leaders of the prestigious sorority.

Leslie’s desire to improve quality of life extends nationally also as an active supporter of the March of Dimes Walk America Program. She has coordinated and assembled 20 or more people to participate in the annual event which has resulted in raising \$1,500 respectively for the last two years.

Leslie is not only a “torch bearer” for the community, she is also a tireless purveyor of service. She supports her Army Spouse and both Air Force and Army services with the same amount of tenacity. She is definitely “a dedicated Goodwill Ambassador” and the top contender for “The Women of Merit Award.”

# Hopped up

Youth Basketball League teams play final games of season



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Falvo Arellano of the Lakers catches a pass while Suns players try to block him during the season’s final games Saturday at the Fitness and Sports Center. The Suns and Lakers players are between five and six years of age.



The Twisters make a basket after fighting off the Warriors’ strong defense during the Youth Basketball League’s final season games. Players on the Twisters and Warriors are between seven and eight years of age.



# CGO council hosts crud tournament March 24

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The Holloman Air Force Base Company Grade Officer Council will host an all ranks crud tournament at the Officer’s Club March 24.

Crud is a fast-paced contest that may be played on a pool or snooker table.

Some historical accounts have Airmen learning Crud from the Royal Canadian Air Force in Newfoundland, a frequent stopover for Army Air Corps aircraft during the World War II era.

Unlike billiards or pool, Crud matches are played without the use of cues. According to legend, Crud

players invented a game without cues because they were all broken in bar fights.

While Crud can be played one-on-one or with a number of contestants, Holloman’s tournament will be played with four-person teams.

To begin the game, one player from each team will face their opponent at separate ends of the table. Two balls are used with the object of the game to strike the ‘object’ ball with the cue ball. Each player has three “lives,” which can be lost by not keeping the object ball moving, by breaking a rule or by their opponent scoring.

Players may only shoot from the ends of the table, but they can pick up the cue ball while running to the other

end of the table.

Players are allowed to distract each other with their arms and hands, but cannot touch their opponent. A variation called “Combat Crud” allows players to body block their opponent in a style similar to hockey. If a player succeeds in keeping the ball moving, their next move is to quickly step aside for a teammate to take their place.

The entrance fee for each four-person team is \$40. Matches for the first eight-game bracket will be drawn randomly. Prizes will include trophies and tournament t-shirts.

Holloman members wishing to enter the tournament may contact 2nd Lt. Jillian Broadway, CGOC vice president, at 572-0923.



Photo courtesy of Moody Air Force Base services

Air Force members play a game of crud in Moody Air Force Base collocated club sports bar.

# Old Blood & Guts

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  - Mao \_\_\_\_-tung
  - Dine
  - BBQ items
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  - Jab
  - Gamble
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  - Granola
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  - Non-mil. grade on RAB
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  - NORAD region
  - Lament
  - ERA, RBI, etc.
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  - Healing plant
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  - Gallivant
  - “Honest” president
  - Golfer Ernie
  - Permit
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  - Grope
  - Steal
  - Anger
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  - Once \_\_\_\_ a time ...
  - Clutched
  - Spicy
  - Football scores
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  - Classical Japanese drama
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  - USAF commissioning source
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  - Singer Hill
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  - Headgear
- Picnic pest
  - Are We There Yet? Actress Long
  - PJ mission

## BRIEFS

### Car seats

The Alamogordo Department of Public Safety will hold a car seat clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday behind Fire Station #7 at Indian Wells Road and Washington Avenue in Alamogordo. DPS will ensure car seats are properly installed, in good condition and not on a factory recall list. Most car seats found not meeting standards are replaced free of charge. DPS also needs six to eight volunteers to write down findings during the inspections. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Brian Mills at 572-1129.

### Arnold Avenue

Arnold Avenue is closed from First Street to just west of Clif-frose Street. No left turns are allowed on Arnold Avenue.

School operations and Desert Estates residents will be impacted the most and people should take precautions in the construction zone.

Housing occupants will use Sumac Street as the only entrance and exit. Student drop off and pick up will be at the thoroughfare off Arizona Avenue. Please use extra caution and patience in the work area. Estimated completion date for the project is early April. For more information, contact Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

### Visitor Center change

The visitor center customer service hours of operation have changed to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Normal customer service hours of operation will remain 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the rest of the week. Personnel will be able to attain visitor passes at the main gate. For more information, call 572-5920.

### Eaglet adventures

Holloman Primary School is introducing an after-school program called Eaglet Adventures for their students and parents 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday in the Holloman Primary Big Room.

For more information, call 479-6122.

### Scholarships

The Aerospace Education Foundation has 30 scholarships

available, each for \$1,000, for active duty Air Force spouses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university and hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average. A two-page, double-spaced essay describing academic and career goals and what motivated the applicant to this decision is required. Also required are two letters of recommendation, which should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer.

Applications are available on the Web at [www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp](http://www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp) or at the Base Training and Education Office. Application deadline is April 15. For more information, call 572-3971.

### Education survey

In order for the Base Education Office to add new degree programs to those already offered on base, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed. This assessment will reveal what new programs Holloman members would like to see offered on base.

To complete the survey, go to <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on “take the survey.” On the next page in the “participate” box, scroll down the list of bases to Holloman, click and begin answering the 10 questions. The survey will be active until April 8. For more information, call the Education Office at 572-3971.

### Working Out Woman

The Working Out Woman program meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no fees and children are welcome to accompany parents.

For more information on how this program works, please call Ms. Sue Musgrave at 479-9680

### ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel is now at the Whispering Sands Community Center. This program offers discounted tickets to active duty and retired military members for vacation spots such as Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Sea World and many other locations.

For more information, call Ms. Linda Aguirre at 572-7476.

### J.R. Rockers

The new hours of operation for J.R. Rockers are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays. J.R. Rockers will be close on Sundays, holidays and family days.

### Banquet

Tickets are now available for the Otero County NAACP Educator of the Year Banquet. The banquet will be held March 18 at the Oasis Enlisted Club with a social hour commencing at 6 p.m. and the program starting at 7 p.m. Mr. Hilary Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau director, will be the keynote speaker. For tickets, contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 443-4538 or Ms. Nola Jones at 437-4193.

### Adventure program

Outdoor Recreation is calling all E-4s and below to get involved in planning and organizing trips. Some programs are already being planned, but volunteers are needed to help in the decision-making process. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

### Lumpia sale

The Middle Two Council will host a Lumpia sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 in the chapel annex. Cost is \$0.50 for one and \$9 for 20. Sales are by pre-order only. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag at 572-5574.

### Discovery Center

Visit the Discovery Center in the Airman and Family Readiness Center and use the computers to write a resume, take a typing test, surf the internet or just e-mail a friend. Let the kids use the learning toys, tools and games.

### Auto Skills Center

This month at the Auto Skills Center discounted professional air conditioning services will be offered. Bring over a POV and receive A/C service for only \$3.75 per oz. of R-12, \$.75 per oz. of R-134A and \$40 for labor. For more information, call 572-7438.

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### Change in hours

In order to serve you better, the Base Training and Education Office is enforcing walk-in hours and appointment times.

Appointments should be arranged daily from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Other walk-in traffic is encouraged during the morning hours from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Customers should sign in when entering the reception area to ensure quick service.

Customers may also go to the Virtual Education Center on the Air Force portal for tuition assistance forms. For more information or appointments, call 572-3971.

### Education center

Due to non-availability of the test administrator and test control officer, there will be no DANTES, PME, CDC, or distance learning testing through the Base Education Office Tuesday through Thursday. Please plan accordingly. Normal testing will resume March 28. To schedule an exam, call 572-3971.

### Mypay Web site

As a reminder, the MyPay Web site address is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

It has recently been advised that there are look-a-like Web sites being developed to make people think they are accessing official sites, including the MyPay Web site.

These sites request personal information that, if provided, could cause a variety of problems for the members.

There are also sites that use the words “MyPay” as part of their Web address. While they may be legitimate business concerns, they are not in any way affiliated with DFAS and MyPay.

The following are a few sites that use MyPay in their address.

*A. [www.mypay.com](http://www.mypay.com)*

*B. [www.mypay.se/indexen.html](http://www.mypay.se/indexen.html)*

*C. [www.mypaysolutions.com/](http://www.mypaysolutions.com/)*

### Wine tasting

The Class 6 and Officers’ Club will host a special evening of wine and hors d’oeuvres.

Come and sample wines from New Mexico and around the world from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 31 in the ballroom.

This event is open to all ranks. Attendees must be 21 or older. Cost is \$10 per person at the door.

### HOSC Thrift Shop

The HOSC thrift shop will open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and closed March 28 and March 30 for Spring Break. Normal hours of operation for the thrift shop are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon only. To prevent theft, people with large donations are asked to bring them by during operating hours or call 479-0529 to arrange for a time to drop the items off. For more information, call 479-1585.

### Teen court

The Otero County Teen Court in Alamogordo is in need of teenage (12-18) and adult volunteers. The courthouse is located across the street from the White Sands mall. For more information or specifics about the program, go to <http://co.otero.nm.us/TeenCourt/teencourt.htm>.

### Habitat for Humanity

Otero County Habitat for Humanity is starting construction on two more homes for low income families.

Over the next few months volunteers will be needed to help with framing, roofing, tiling floors, carpentry, and landscaping these homes.

Volunteers should come regardless of construction skills. Skills will be taught as necessary.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Hazel Miller at 437-6562, or e-mail [OCHFH\\_Volunteer@zianet.com](mailto:OCHFH_Volunteer@zianet.com).

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions about Otero County Habitat for Humanity, visit [www.oterohabitat.org](http://www.oterohabitat.org).

### St. Patrick’s Day bash

Holloman’s Airman’s Council host its Second Annual St. Patrick’s Day Bash 5 p.m. today at Airman’s Park. This free, base wide event is open to everyone 18 and over. Festivities include a live DJ, food, drinks, and green beer (for those 21 and over). Event will also include basketball, horseshoe, and volleyball competitions, with prizes for the winners.

### Tax center

The tax center on base will close April 12. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and customers are seen by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, call 572-1040.

### That 80s night

“That 80’s Night” comes to J.R. Rockers April. Help is needed to put together a video experience of the 1980’s to be played throughout the evening.

This “80’s Experience” will have your favorite TV shows, movies, toys, games, stars, and much more.

Drop suggestions, clips and pictures off at the Enlisted Club, or visit [www.hollomanservices.com](http://www.hollomanservices.com) and submit your suggestions via the web.

For more information, please contact the Enlisted Club at 572-3226.

### Airman’s Attic

The Airman’s Attic will be closed Monday through April 2.

The Attic will be relocating to 2287 Torrance Place (across the street from its current location) and will reopen at 10 a.m. April 3.

### Gas-n-Go

The Hispanic Heritage Month committee will host a gas-n-go 5 p.m. March 31 at the base gas station. Volunteers are needed to help make the event a success.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Sandra Martinez at 572-5785.





The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 8 to Monday:

Tickets issued

Security Forces issued seven tickets for failure to stop last week.

Civilian arrests

• March 14: An NCO was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for involvement in a domestic violence incident.

Property loss, damage or theft

- March 8: An Airman reported she had left her wallet at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility and when it was returned she had found \$8 missing.
- March 9: An Airman reported a government vehicle had struck the loading docks at building 310 causing major damage to the vehicle.
- March 9: An Airman reported the passenger side vent window of a government vehicle had been broken on the flight line.

- March 12: An Airman reported his room was unsecured and had been damaged at dormitory 341. The bathroom door lock was broken and another Airman had left personal items in the room.
- March 13: An NCO reported a government vehicle had been struck on the tail gate while parked at building 584 between 7 p.m. March 10 and 11 a.m. March 11.
- March 14: A civilian reported a steel bollard had been damaged on Fourth Street adjacent to dormitory 337.

Patrol response

- March 8: A civilian reported a dog belonging to an Airman had been hit on U.S. 70. Security Forces aided the New Mexico State Police with removing the deceased animal from the highway and contacted the Otero County Sheriff’s Department, who said they would contact the Humane Society to pick up the animal.
- March 8: A civilian called Security Forces and said she was under electronic surveillance and that all local and state law enforcement agencies were conspiring against her and had abused her. Security Forces contacted the Office of Special Investigations, who confirmed the individual had a prior history of such behavior and that the

Federal Bureau of Investigations was handling all instances concerning her.

- March 8: An NCO reported she had six minor dependents in custody for violating curfew at the main gate. The dependents were released to their guardians.
- March 9: An NCO reported his daughter was missing. She was located later that day.
- March 10: An NCO reported a dependent was having trouble breathing on Bell Avenue. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.
- March 12: An Airman reported a suicidal gesture at dormitory 452. A second Airman was taken to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment and was returned to her dorm room.
- March 12: An Airman requested Security Forces assistance with removing a family member from her off-base residence. Security Forces escorted the family member to gather her belongings at the residence and took her to the Alamogordo Greyhound station.
- March 14: An NCO reported a major accident without injuries involving a personally-owned vehicle and a light pole on U.S. 70 outside the main gate.

Crossword answers

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**Annapolis (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Friday

**The Matador (R)**  
6 p.m. Saturday

**Nanny McPhee (PG)**  
6 p.m. Sunday